auditor on Rs. 60—80;

(4) why was he not given any promotion during the years 1098, 1099 and 1100 by Diwan Mr. Narayana Menon?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) The question is under consideration.

(2) The Tahsildar concerned was degraded, and a portion of the amount misappropriated was recovered from him.

(3) With effect from 1st Kanni 1098.

(4) Because there was no suitable opportunity for giving promotion to Mr. Anantarama Ayyar.

192. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—i. When did Mr. P. Govinda Menon, Tahsildar of Trichur retire from service?

ii. When did Mr. Anantarama Ayyar's stoppage of promotion for one year expire?

iii. Has Mr. Anantarama Ayyar submitted a petition on the 10th Kumbham 1101 pointing out this vacancy?

iv. What reply was given to him to that petition?

v. Will the Government be pleased to furnish a copy of that petition as well as a copy of the Diwan's order thereon?

vi. Who was confirmed in Mr. Govinda Menon's vacancy, and who was appointed to act for the permanent incumbent?

vii. Was that acting officer senior to Mr. Anantarama Ayyar? If not, why were Mr. Anantarama Ayyar's claims overlooked?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—i. On 6th Medam 1101.

ii. On 15th Medam 1101.

iii. Yes.

iv and v. (*Vide Appendix "E".*)

vi. Mr. C. S. Gopala Panikkar confirmed, Mr. K. A. Sankara Menon to act.

vii. Yes. The latter part of the question does not arise.

193. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—i. Has Mr. Anantarama Ayyar submitted petitions on the 7th Edavam 1101 and 20th Karkadagam 1101?

ii. What reply was given to him to these petitions? Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the Diwan's orders thereon?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—i. Yes.

ii. (*Vide Appendix "F."*)

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APPENDIX "D".

(Vide Answer to Question No. 187.)

Name	Amount Rs.	Duration	The ground on which such allowance was paid
M. Raman Menon, Sub-Assistant Surgeon	30	From 1—4—1098	In recognition of special merit.
Mrs. Kohlhoff, Assistant Surgeon	30	From 28—8—1098	To compensate her for the loss she suffered on account of the reorganisation of the Medical Department.
C. K. Godavarma Tampan	10	From 1—5—1100 to 9—2—1102	Transfer to an appointment on less pay
K. C. Achyuta Menon, Sanitary Inspector deputed to Municipal Council, Chittur	20	From 17—12—1100	To enable him to draw the pay to which he would be entitled, if he had remained in the Sanitary Department.
M. A. Vareed, clerk, Secretariat, while undergoing training in the Potteries	10	...	The allowance was paid only whenever his immediate junior in the Secretariat became eligible for a salary of Rs. 60 (acting or otherwise)

APPENDIX "E".

(Vide Answer to Question No. 192.)

Petition dated 10th Kumbham 1101 from Mr. P. A. Anantarama Ayyar to the Diwan of Cochin, through the Comptroller of Accounts.

With reference to the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 21st November 1925, Dis. No. 952/D/1101, Revenue Department, Devaswam, I beg to submit the following for the Diwan's kind and sympathetic consideration and favourable orders.

In Diwan's Proceedings, dated 27th April 1925, C. No 748 of 98, Revenue Department, Devaswam, it was ordered, among other things, that my promotion should be stopped for 1 year for certain irregularities and omissions in the maintenance of some registers, etc., while I was Inspector of Trippunittura Group Devaswams for a short period of 3 months. As the charges framed against me were not clearly laid out in that order, and as the punishment meted out to me was not awarded after hearing my explanation in defence as provided for in the Standing Orders—a privilege enjoyed by all Government servants but utterly denied to me—I submitted a petition to the Diwan on the 12th Edavam 1100 for a re-consideration of the punishment order unjustly awarded. But to my ill-luck the Diwan was not pleased to consider my case on the merits of the explanation offered. The Diwan's order on my appeal petition runs as follows. "The Diwan is unable to interfere with the order already passed" (please see Diwan's Proceedings dated 21st November 1925, Dis. No. 952/D/1101).

2. I now beg to approach the Diwan with a humble request in the hope that the Diwan would be pleased to do an act of justice and redress my

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grievances by reinstating me to a Tahsildar's place in the fag end of my official career.

3. I joined the State service in the month of Kumbham 1074, and I shall have to retire in Makaram 1102, after a faithful and loyal service of 28 years, when I would be completing my 55th year. The period of the stoppage of my promotion ordered on the 27th April 1925 expires on the 27th April 1926, corresponding to 15th Medam next (1101), and from that date I shall have to remain in service hardly for 9 months. I understand that a permanent vacancy in the Tahsildarship occurs in Medam 1101 caused by the retirement of Mr. P. Govinda Menon, the Tahsildar of Trichur. The punishment period and my present extension of leave expire on the 15th and 24th Medam 1101 respectively. Had it not been for the unkind and unjust treatment accorded to me during the 3 years of the past administration, I would have naturally been a permanent Tahsildar by this time. I entered on long leave from the 24th Meenam 1098, and I have till now including the present extension availed myself of the same for 3 years and one month, out of which 1 year and 4 months do not count for pension, for I was without any leave allowance during this period.

4. In consideration of the several reverses already suffered for 3 years and the heavy pecuniary loss that I have had to sustain on account of the long leave which I was obliged to take and the reduction of my pay from Rs. 150 to Rs. 60 -80, I most humbly and respectfully beg the Diwan to take a most charitable view of my case and reinstate me in the impending vacancy so that I may be given an opportunity of earning a retiring pension not less than what I would have been eligible for in the ordinary course of events.

In conclusion, I beg leave to state for the Diwan's information that till the time I was reduced to an auditor, I stood as senior to Messrs. K. A. Sankara Menon, P. Ramankutti Menon, V. Kumara Menon, and M. Kunjan Menon.

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Revenue Department.

(Land Revenue.)

Read letter C. No. 3803/1101, dated 24th February 1926, from the Comptroller of Accounts forwarding a petition from Mr. P. A. Anantarama Ayyar, Auditor on leave.

Order Dis. No. 2262/D/1101, dated 26th March 1926.

The petitioner is informed that his claims, if any, will be considered when a vacancy actually arises.

(True extract)

A. K. VENGU AYYAR,
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The petitioner through the Comptroller of Accounts.

APPENDIX "F".

(Vide Answer to Question No. 193.)

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Revenue Department.

(Land Revenue.)

Read petition dated 7th Edavam 1101 from Mr. P. A. Anantarama Ayyar forwarded by the Comptroller of Accounts with his endorsement on C. 5953/1101, dated 8th Edavam 1101.

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